GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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PASSENGER TRAINS BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have made any assessment regarding the increase in the number of passengers between the mega cities particularly Kolkata and New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways are proposing to increase the number of the coaches in the existing trains to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R.VELU)

(a) & (b): During the period from April to October 2008, there has been an increase of around 18% in the passenger traffic between Delhi and Howrah, as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

(c)& (d): Augmentation of train services is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and commercial justification. Besides, special trains are run to clear the extra rush during vacation, festivals etc.